Online Chinese Test (Home Edition) HSK and HSKK

I. About Online Chinese Test (Home Edition) HSK and HSKK
Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic situation, in order to limit the spread of the epidemic, and to ensure the safety of every staff and test taker, some overseas test centers have postponed or cancelled Chinese tests. In order to meet the needs of Chinese learners, the Chinese Testing International Co., Ltd. (CTI) have decided to launch the Online Chinese Test (Home Edition), to help students complete HSK exams at home, with remote monitoring from test centers.

Areas: Countries and regions that meet all requirements of Online Chinese Test (Home Edition)

Test Dates: December 12ᵗʰ 2020
HSK 2&4&6: **09:00 a.m.**
HSK 1&3&5: **13:30 p.m.**
HSKK Elementary&Intermediate&Advanced: **16:30 p.m.**

Applicants: Applicants of the international Chinese language teacher scholarship in 2020 (Confucius Institute Scholarship) and annual review.

Application requirements:
1. Access to a computer with required software and internet access.
2. Access to a room that meets all requirements of the test.
3. Adherence to testing rules of Online Chinese Test (Home Edition).
4. Complete the test registration on www.chinesetest.cn and obtain an admission ticket for one of the above test dates.

II. Registration:
1. Confirm equipment and test environment meet requirements
Before registering for the exam, please confirm that your computer, software configuration, network and room meet test requirements:
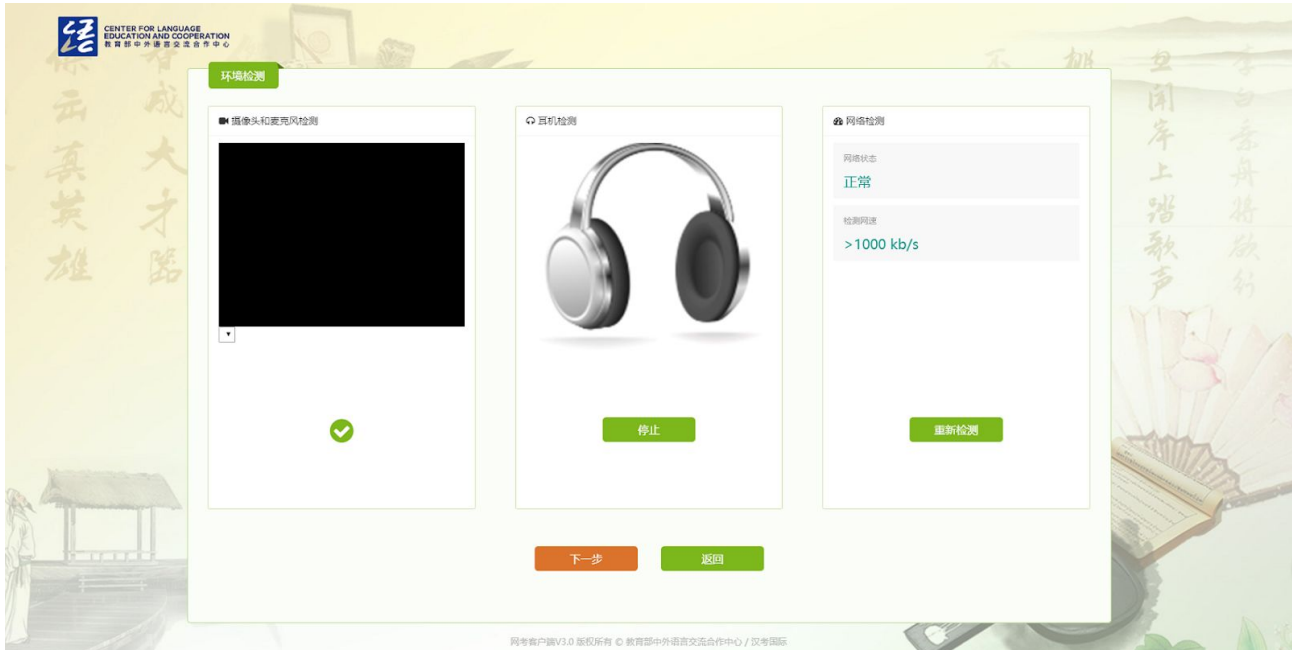
Computer: **Windows (7/10) operating system**, recommended screen resolution setting is 1440*900 and above (the minimum setting is 1366*768 and above)

Software: Download and install the client software of Online Chinese Test (Home Edition) https://test.chinesetest.cn:36165/client.html

To run the application, you will see this Homepage:

Choose your language and start to check the device:

Network: Internet speed 150KB / s and above.

Camera: HD (more than 300,000 pixels). The room should also be well-lit and the camera unobstructed.

A. The test computer must have or candidate can prepare a high-definition camera (more than 300,000 pixels),

B. A mobile phone/laptop/tablet with an inside camera, and to download the online meeting software designated by the local test center. The CI Berlin will use Cisco WebEx for the exam, you can download it here: https://www.webex.com/downloads.html.) The connection to the exam can take place directly via the participation link using your Cisco WebEx app. Before the exam, you will be sent an invitation with a meeting identification number (access code) and a meeting password. It is necessary that you insert a user name as well as an e-mail address. Please use your real name. Further information on the Cisco WebEx platform as well as data protection notice for use can be found at: https://www.zedat.fu-berlin.de/pub/ZEDAT/Telefonie/Konferenzen/Dokument-zu-Informationspflichten-DSGVO.pdf.

(4) Enter the designated meeting room **1 hour before the start of the test**, and place the mobile phone/laptop/tablet 1 meter behind the left or right, so that the examiner can see the computer screen and the examinee (see graphic below);

A. The examiner can check the examination environment of each examinee and the certificates used for registration through the designated software in 360-degree visibility.

B. Candidates need to connect their mobile phone to a WIFI network and turn on "flight mode".

C. The camera phone must have sufficient power to ensure that it does not shut down during the test.

Headphones: clear with good sound insulation.

Microphone (for HSKK): clear recording with no noise.

(Website for equipment detecting for test taker: https://test.chinesetest.cn:36165/client.html)

Examination environment: The test should be taken in a safe and closed room with no-disturbances. It is forbidden to take the test in public areas such as parks, internet cafes, restaurants, etc. Computers and keyboards must be placed on a desk or table. No one else is allowed to enter or leave the room during the test. There must not be any prohibited items in the testing room.

Please note:

1）Scribbled notes on paper or electronic equipment is NOT needed during the Online Chinese Test (Home Edition). Copying and recording any part of the exam with paper or electronic equipment is prohibited.

2）To ensure the safety and smoothness of the test, CTI or the local test center may need to collect test-related information from you, including: name, photo, ID, audio and video records taken during the test. Please note that the Chinese Test Center is an institution outside of the EU, it will only use personal information permitted by Chinese law, for purposes such as maintaining exam security.

3) On the exam date you need to be in Germany.

2. Registration and payment

Registration online or at the site of the test center are both applicable.

1）Registration online

Please visit www.chinesetest.cn, register for a new account and complete the online test registration, make the payment online or through help from your test center.

Deadline for registration: 20th November 2020
Deadline for payment: 26th November 2020

Go to chinesetest.cn to register

Create an account with personal information: e-mail, nationality, mother tongue and birth date are needed

Read test instructions and consent

Revise and complete your information: ensure the information is correct, upload a photo and confirm

Registration through the booking system of the Confucius Institute at the Freie Universität Berlin: register at the homepage of the Confucius Institute Berlin for the respective exam

The exam fee for the chosen exam will be paid via SEPA Direct Debit Scheme. With your registration you are accepting this payment method and are granting us your consent for the SEPA Direct Debit Scheme

2）Registration at the site

Those who have difficulties with registration online may reach out to CI at Freie Universität Berlin test center via email.

Email address: info@konfuziusinstitut-berlin.de.

Please note:

An electronic photo is required for HSK and HSKK according to the test regulation. Photo requirements:

-Test taker's recent photo (within 6 months to the test dates) for identification (in a standard, two-inch form), photos of daily life or landscape will not be accepted;

-No hat, scarf, headband or sunglasses are allowed to appear (except for special religious reasons);

-Both black-and-white and color photos are acceptable, a white background is preferred.

Example:

3. Test fee

Test fee for HSK and HSKK differs in different countries and regions according to policies and currency exchange rates, please refer to the email from CI at Free University of Berlin test center after registration is confirmed.

4. Registration confirmation and admission ticket

After registration and payment, the test taker will be able to inquire and print admission ticket online at www.chinesetest.cn 3 days before the test. Please confirm your personal information, including name, nationality,

gender, ID type and number etc., together with test level, test date and beginning time, test center and test instructions on your admission ticket.

III. Preparation before the test
1. Mock Exam
To familiarize yourself with the Online Chinese Test, you can use Google Chrome to take a **mock exam** at https://test.chinesetest.cn:36165?p=9999903, which is available up to two days prior to your exam date.

Please note: You need to provide your name, email address, gender and HSK level to take the mock exam. For the official exam, you will need to provide your admission ticket number and password.

2. Admission time:
You need to log **into the system 1 hour before the exam starts**. Please log in no later than 10 minutes before the start time. Personal, equipment or network issues leading to lateness will not qualify as extenuating circumstances.

3. Login to the examination system:
Open the client software of Online Chinese Test (Home Edition).
1) To download application here (recommended to use Google Chrome): https://test.chinesetest.cn:36165/client.html

4. Equipment and environment testing:
1) Camera
2) Headphones
3) Network

Please Note :
Candidates who are judged to be unqualified on the test day cannot take the test. Candidates are required to turn on mobile phone to flight mode, and turn off any MP3s, etc. and have no access to any prohibited items during the exam.

5. Read and agree the test rules

6. Enter the test

1) To log in
Enter the test by typing in the admission ticket number and password – a countdown will begin.

3) To log out
Click the button on the bottom right corner, or "Alt+F4", then enter "quit".
Please note:
It will cause failure if candidates log out of the application during the exam. In case of problems during the exam with the application, please contact the examiner. (You will receive the contact information before the exam.)

IV. During the exam
1. Test discipline
All listed regulations on "Measures for Disciplinary Violations in the Chinese Tests" are applicable to the Online Chinese Test (Home Edition), CTI and the local test centers maintain rights of accountability after the test.

2. Missing the test and abnormalities
If the test taker fails to take or complete the test on the test day due to reasons not caused by the test organizer, the responsibility shall be borne by the test taker. The test fee will not be refunded.

V. Exam results
1. HSK test results will be announced 10 working days after the test, and the HSKK 25 days. Test taker will be able to inquire about the test result on the test website (www.chinesetest.cn) with admission ticket number and name.
2. Score report can be applied through "extra score report" service online by test takers themselves in their personal information center and sent to the individuals or institutions.